



**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOURTH MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1994 AT 5 P.M.  
IN AD-131, LOYOLA CAMPUS**

CONCORDIA  
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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman G. Dubrow called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm. He requested a motion to have F. Khader appointed secretary of the meeting.

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DES ÉTUDIANTS  
ET ÉTUDIANTES  
DE L'UNIVERSITÉ  
CONCORDIA

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT F. Khader be appointed secretary for the meeting.**

Moved by: L. Grimes  
Seconded by: J. Carruthers

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**CO-PRESIDENTS**

Philip Dalton  
Lana Grimes

**ARTS & SCIENCE**

Allan Feldman  
Genevieve Grenier  
Ken McMurray

**COMMERCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Andrea Fernandez

**FINE ARTS**

Jonathan Carruthers

**ENGINEERING**

Andrew Kennedy  
Len Podgurny (left at 8:00 pm)

**ABSENT:**

Arts & Science: N. Al-Yazdi, P. Batchoun, M. Boyer, H. O. Cohen, W. Jawad, S. Mina, C. Vieira (w/r)  
Commerce: K. Bolh (w/r), E. Kamukama  
Fine Arts: J. Asencio, A. Darcel  
Engineering: S. Khader (w/r)

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be Approved.**

Moved by : K. McMurray  
Seconded by : A. Feldman

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

### **4.0 CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

G. Dubrow welcomed the new Representatives of the Concordia Student Union.

P. Dalton apologized to the Chair for past remarks.

### **5.0 BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 Setting of Date for the Annual General Meeting**

L. Grimes proposed to hold the Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 6 at the Hall Building. She proposed that the Agenda be as follows:

- Announcement of election results
- Release of Annual Fiscal Statement
- Announcement choice of auditors for next year
- Co-Presidents' report

**MOTION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE MEZZ CAFÉ ON FRIDAY MAY 6, 1994 AT 2 P.M.**

Moved by : L Grimes  
Seconded by: L. Podgurny.

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

#### **5.2 Report of the Chief Returning Officer**

J. Chatelaine stated that the Report she is presenting is not an official one.

J. Chatelaine stated that 1489 students voted .

J. Chatelaine stated that \$1,000.00 was dispersed for advertisements in the Link and that the Concordian has not provided an invoice yet, but that it should be approximately the same amount as the Link's. She added that approximately \$500.00 was spent for printing at CUSAp rint.

J. Chatelaine stated that approximately \$2400.00 was spent for the ballot counters and polling clerks. She added that in total, approximately \$5000.00 was spent on the elections.

J. Chatelaine stated that the Co-Presidents requested an extension for the nomination period as there were thirteen (13) seats uncontested at the time. She added that at the close of the extension period, only two (2) seats remained uncontested.

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J. Chatelaine stated that with respect to M. Giles' contested electoral budget, L. Podgurny had asked if he could campaign for Marika as a student. J. Chatelaine stated that in accordance with official standing orders she decided that this was okay.

J. Chatelaine stated that M. Soso and another candidate filed a complaint with respect to M. Giles' budget. She added that a meeting of all Presidential Candidates was called and that not all candidates attended. Jasmine stated that the complaint was received within time and that the Judicial Board Chair, G. Pyburn, is out of town. She added that she is not sure where the Judicial Board is on this issue and that she has done her best.

F. Khader asked to know if the letter can be made public.

J. Chatelaine read the letter of complaint submitted by M. Soso including Steven Zacharias' complaint.

L. Podgurny asked if he will be notified formally of allegations of wrongdoing since his name is implicated in the letter. J. Chatelaine replied that the evening that the ballot counting was taking place, Len's arrival at 8:00 pm posed a problem, as it was not proper procedure but that his departure at 10:00 pm was legitimate.

J. Chatelaine re-stated the procedures which were utilized the evening of the ballot counting.

L. Podgurny asked how many ballots were spoiled. J. Chatelaine replied that a count of the spoiled ballots was not taken. She added that all the ballots remained with security and that she did not want to attempt to recount the ballots without any witnesses present.

L. Podgurny stated that with respect to independant students, he is pretty sure that more than five students voted.

J. Chatelaine elaborated on the ballots which were printed wrongly.

A. Kennedy suggested that an election checklist be created for the next CRO. J. Chatelaine agreed with A. Kennedy and stated that it is required since the process involves too many people and too much time.

O. de Winter asked to know why a candidate's name had been dropped, namely that of S. Zacharias. J. Chatelaine replied that it was a computer error and was done without malice. She added that the candidate list scrolled onto another page, and consequently went unnoticed.

F. Khader asked if any official complaint was forthcoming with respect to all faculties appearing on the same ballot. J. Chatelaine replied that no official complaints of this nature were brought to her attention.

A. Feldman asked how many Arts & Science ballots were cast. J. Chatelaine replied that she didn't take a count.

A. Feldman stated that an election procedure should be written up and that the Judicial Board Standing Orders should be dissolved, since they are confusing and contradictory. J. Chatelaine agreed with A. Feldman.

A. Feldman asked if any indication is forthcoming in the letters asking for invalidation of the elections. J. Chatelaine replied that no request was forthcoming to invalidate the elections, but rather to rectify mistakes.

M. Sinoncic questioned J. Chatelaine as to how soon after S. Zacharias' name was dropped was it brought to her attention. J. Chatelaine replied that that same afternoon she was informed.

O. de Winter stated that he called J. Chatelaine at around 3:00 pm. J. Chatelaine replied that by the time everybody was informed it was 7:00 pm. and that only one hour remained, so a decision was rendered to allow the elections to proceed until the close of the day.

N. Appollonatos stated that candidates were angry because students from other faculties could have contributed to their disqualification.

## **MOTION TO CLOSE THE SPEAKER'S LIST**

Moved by: A. Kennedy  
Seconded by: L. Podgurny

## **VOTE ON MOTION TO CLOSE THE SPEAKER'S LIST**

**UNANIMOUS**

M. Sinoncic stated that he personally knows of students who voted twice.

M. Giles asked hypothetically that if for some reason the Judicial Board chose to disqualify her, would she be entitled to an appeal. A. Feldman replied that only Judicial Board can interpret and render a decision on this issue.

M. Giles stated that as she was not personally responsible for the election irregularities and if she is disqualified, her disqualification would justify everyone's disqualification.

The chair asked to know who the interim Judicial Board chair is. L. Grimes replied that there is no chair position, since all that is needed is three (3) members for the Judicial Board to be active.

J. Chatelaine stated that M. Giles will not get a refund as a consequence of her electoral overspending.

### **5.3 Orientation Committee Report**

L. Podgurny stated that A. Kennedy, K. McMurray, G. Grenier, J. Carruthers, M. Soso and himself are members of the outgoing Orientation Committee. He added that the committee doesn't want to do too much or decide too much since the members constitute the outgoing Board.

L. Podgurny stated the objective of the committee is to compile as much information for the new Council to have a database to work with.

L. Podgurny stated that M. Soso should compile a list of people involved in last year's orientation and put together a package for sponsorship. He added that A. Ghaemi will be distributing flyers informing students that volunteers are being sought for Orientation '94.

L. Podgurny suggested that resources, volunteers and events be coordinated with the Dean of Students office.

G. Grenier stated that funding is a concern and invited open and broad participation by all.

K. McMurray strongly recommended that the new representatives get involved in orientation.

L. Grimes stated that advertising funding which will be forthcoming for Orientation will probably be in product form and not monetary.

P. Dalton suggested that Orientation and handbook should coordinate their efforts and that one shouldn't take away from the other. L. Podgurny replied that this issue was already brought up. M. Giles added that she is working on a deal which is at the embryonic stages. She added that the Triple A organization has done projects in the past for the university market. Marika implied that CUSA and Triple A would produce coupon booklets which would be placed in Frosh bags.

L. Grimes stated that she would like to have a member of CUSA's orientation team on the hiring committee for the Dean of Students' Orientation Coordinator.

L. Podgurny stated that this was the case as he is presently involved on orientation for the university.

## 5.4 Executive Reports

### • Co-Presidents Report

L. Grimes summarized the Co-Presidents most recent duties. She stated that the lease for Reggies/Mezz Café is being negotiated for \$1/year for ten (10) years. She added that at the present rate, the lease will be signed in one year's time. Lana stated that much the same concept for the Campus Centre is being sought and that the Campus Center might be renamed the Student Union Building.

L. Grimes discussed other matters, namely finalizing a Contract for the General Manager of CUSAcorp, P. O'Conner, who has been without a contract since he started work during the final months of last year. In addition, she stated that CUSA's amended constitution is near finalization.

L. Grimes stated that with regards to CUSA Centre Inc., which legally owns the bar and the café, a facade needs \$10,000 and that more than \$40,000 is budgeted. She added that as soon as all work is completed, ownership of the facilities will be transferred to CUSAcorp.

L. Grimes stated that an interesting body is the Real Estate Planning Committee, a university body, which is composed of eight (8) people, all from the public. She added that it is important to have student participation on it though to ensure openness.

P. Dalton stated that the BoG executive committee has not yet met.

P. Dalton stated that he has received an invitation by the Dean of Arts & Science to address a South African mission for new education development in South Africa.

P. Dalton stated that there are a number of search committees, among them a Rector Search committee, one for the Dean of Arts & Science, and one for the Dean of Engineering. He advised active participation by all.

L. Grimes stated that the Referendum on the Athletics Complex was defeated and that the Vice Rector Services, C. Bertrand, was very displeased. She suggested that this could have negative consequences for the Student Union's dealings with the university on certain issues and that the perception among some university administrators is that the student leaders wanted the Athletics Complex referendum to fail.

L. Grimes stated that with regards to the Chairman's honorarium, since the Board's term has been extended until May 31st, she is seeking authorization from the Board for the V.P. Finance to negotiate an extension of honorarium.

L. Podgurny asked if the same would apply for all the Vice-Presidents and the Co-Presidents. L. Grimes replied that the Co-Presidents will have been in office for fourteen (14) months.

### Motion:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the V.P. Finance be authorized by council to negotiate an additional honorarium for the chairman, and;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the same be done for the Co-Presidents.**

Moved: L. Grimes

Seconded: L. Podgurny

P. Dalton clarified the accounting procedure to be used. L. Grimes added that when the previous administration left office, their fiscal responsibility extended until the end of May.

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**7/0/2**

**CARRIED**

The Co-Presidents abstained from the vote.

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**Motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Arthur Anderson be appointed the accounting firm for the 94/95 school year.**

Moved: L. Grimes  
Seconded: G. Grenier

P. Dalton stated the association does not have a clean enough slate to switch auditors, and that Arthur Anderson will be commencing the 92/93 audit shortly.

L. Grimes stated that the 92/93 records rationalization is ongoing and that the bookkeepers are preparing the documents for Arthur Anderson.

P. Dalton gave a brief overview of the work being done by the bookkeepers, auditors and the V.P. Finance.

**MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

Moved by: L. Podgurny  
Seconded by: A. Kennedy

**VOTE ON MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

**VOTE ON MOTION**

**UNANIMOUS**

• **CUSAcorp Report**

L. Podgurny asked how much money is left in the Cusa Centre Inc. account. L. Grimes replied that there is \$127,000.00.

L. Podgurny rephrased his question as to how much is as yet unspent. L. Grimes replied that the money has been spent since the project was budgeted to the penny.

L. Podgurny asked as to whether all the work has been completed. L. Grimes replied that there is a thirty (30) day holdback clause in construction contract, small problems with the facade, and printouts which have yet to be completed.

A. Feldman asked when minutes from previous meetings will be forthcoming. L. Grimes replied that they will be forthcoming by the next meeting.

A. Feldman asked with respect to the Eat Your Peel Coop what safeguards does the association have for money collected. P. Dalton replied that the BoG has to approve fee hikes and that this issue is not on the agenda.

A. Feldman suggested that CUSA/CUSACorp negotiate a return for refund for all cases of empty beer bottles as he had suggested in the past. P. Dalton replied that the CUSACorp board has not met since A. Feldman brought forth this suggestion. He added that there has been managerial meetings and that the refund issue will be resolved.

**Motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the seats occupied by K. Rahhal and M. Asfour be considered vacant.**

Moved by: P. Dalton  
Seconded: A. Kennedy

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K. McMurray stated that he has heard of several proposals for the property behind the GM building. He added that he would like to propose that the university buy a residence for the use of future rectors. Ken stated that it is more economical for the university to buy property rather than loan money out.

M. Giles stated that the issue is whether or not the rector should have either a loan or a house.

K. McMurray stated that there appears to be vacant space available in the new library building. Furthermore, he questioned why the university is attempting to gain control over student space at a time when in fact it is owed space.

G. Grenier asked whether CUSACorp meetings of managers are closed. L. Grimes replied that they are open to all students and that they are working meetings.

• **V.P. Academic Report**

M. Giles stated that the course and teacher evaluation is finally out and that it is not as comprehensive as she would have liked it to be. She added that she is encouraged because the groundwork has been laid and expects it will take a couple of years for it to institutionalize itself.

O. de Winter asked whether it will be available to students in the near future. M. Giles replied that the original intent was for it to be available before registration.

P. Dalton stated that the Course and Teacher Evaluations will replace the TBAs and that after the first day of classes, students will collectively storm down to Registrars after realizing that they have the worst professor. He stated that there is a lot of support from the Dean of Arts & Science office for the course and teacher evaluations.

J. Carruthers stated that it would be necessary to have a summary of two years' worth of teaching to be fair to teachers.

A. Kennedy informed the directors of the Outstanding Graduate Awards. He invited those who may be aware of candidates to please bring them forward.

G. Dubrow announced the need of a schedule for May meetings.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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G. Dubrow, Chairperson

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F. Khader, Secretary